

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

December 2, 2020

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 3/3
Don McCormick 3/3
Kay Tvaroch 3/3
Debra Anlauf 3/3
Erick Toth 2/3
Maria Greenberg 2/3
Fred Pazona 2/3

Present

William Dryburgh
Don McCormick
Kay Tvaroch
Debra Anlauf
Erick Toth
Fred Pazona

Absent

Maria Greenberg

County Representatives

Joseph, Tiseo, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Tina Powell, Natural Resources Manager
Mike Koenig, Resource Manager
Abbie Lawson, Superintendent
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

Guests

- Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting.
- Roll Call
- Minutes
Motion to approve the 2020 November Minutes made by Debra Anlauf, 2nd by Kay Tvaroch and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – October 2020
 - Fred Pazona questioned whether the vacant pool positions on the division report were needed because in his observance there is an abundance of rec specs and lifeguards working at the pools. Tommy Scott replied the positions on the report include full-time, part-time and seasonal and we staff based upon need, hours of operation and various programs going on, but with COVID19 we are down on the staffing needs but have the ability to add more staff when that situation changes.

- Old Business
 - **Myakka River Park Public Meeting** – Mike Koenig gave an update to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) stating he was happy to say our first live TEAMS public meeting was held on 12/1/20, there were over 30 logins, things went well, we were able to answer all questions and everyone seemed pleased with the plans for the park. We will be bringing the plan back to the PRAB in January for approval.
 - **Centennial Update** – Tommy Scott passed around a presentation and gave brief background of how Charlotte County came to be and an update on the Charlotte County Centennial Celebration plans which will include a County proclamation, Federal/state proclamations, Centennial Park sign dedication, Centennial-themed events, Quarterly events, Centennial Ball 4-23-21, Centennial student art contest, Centennial writing contest, Community events, Traveling exhibits and Tree lighting.

Centennial Markers will include Gilchrist/Collier bridge banners, Utilities manhole covers, Logo on select street signs, Displays in county facilities, Flutter flags, Gateway additions. To date the North Charlotte Regional Park was renamed Centennial Park on 12-10-19 and O'Donnell Blvd was renamed Centennial Blvd on 4-14-20.

- New Business
 - I. **Introduce new Recreation Superintendent** – Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager introduced Abbie Lawson as the new Recreation Superintendent at Charlotte Sports Park. Abbie attended Baylor University and has an impressive background and work experience and we are very pleased she is a part of Charlotte County.
 - II. **Carmalita & Centennial Park playgrounds** – Tina Powell, Natural Resources Manager explained that the feedback from the new secondary playground installed at Harold Avenue Recreational Park was so good that they will be adding new playgrounds near the sports fields at Carmalita Park and a Ninja Warrior Course will be installed at Centennial Park within the next 6-8 months.
- Sports Council Update by Erick Toth
 - Reviewed the last of the football playoffs
 - Reviewed the Centennial Fishing Derby
 - We were introduced to the new Aquatics Director for Centennial Park
 - Went over the Snowball Classics
 - Lou Augusto was nominated as Chairman again
 - Went over meeting schedule for 2021
 - Answered facility questions
- Member Issues
 - Debra Anlauf gave an update from last month's discussion on possibly having a boat ramp approved at Tippecanoe Environmental Park. Debra said the Board of

County Commissioners (BCC) would entertain the idea but would need to have a letter from the PRAB to move forward.

Motion for recommendation of letter to the BCC for a boat ramp at Tippecanoe Environmental Park made by Fred Pazona 2nd by Don McCormick and was unanimously approved.

- Fred Pazona voiced his concern about the showers still being closed at the Charlotte County pool facilities due to COVID19, but the CDC recommends using soap and hot water. Fred Pazona went on to say that the Venice YMCA and the Englewood YMCA both have all their showers and lockers open and asked the PRAB what the reasoning was. Tommy Scott replied that the time it takes to have staff go in after every shower and clean and sanitize elongates the timeline between each person and cuts into everyone's scheduled swim time, it is our Administration's recommendation to keep showers closed and to follow the CDC Guidelines to sanitize.
- William Dryburgh was approached by the Charlotte County Sheriff asking if there are available sales tax funds for an officer's memorial that was killed in the line of duty. Tommy Scott replied that to date the memorial was not part of the County funded projects.
- Directors Report
 - Tommy Scott addressed a topic from last month that was brought up by Kay Tvaroch regarding having the *Students Working Against Tobacco* (SWAT) come to a PRAB meeting to give a presentation in hopes of getting a non-binding resolution to restrict smoking at parks and beaches, Tommy explained he spoke with Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator, and she thought that would be a good first step in accomplishing this goal by putting it on an PRAB Agenda.
- Citizens Input
- Announcement
- Adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5
Hector Flores, County Administrator
Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator

